

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 11 are amended. Claims 1-20 are pending.

The amendments to the claims are based on the application as originally filed, for example, pages 18-19 of the application as originally filed, so it is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

In the office action, claims 1-3, 7-13, and 17-20 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) in view of The Jimmy Fund (www.jimmyfund.org); claims 4-5 and 14-15 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of The Jimmy Fund (www.jimmyfund.org); and claims 6 and 16 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of The Jimmy Fund (www.jimmyfund.org) and U.S. published application number US 2005/0033669 A1 of Stremler et al.

Pending claims 1-20 are patentable over both The Jimmy Fund and Stremler et al.

The Jimmy Fund is a website set up for obtaining donations in connection with a charity, with pages 4, 15, and 17 of The Jimmy Fund webpage displaying a login allowing users to access a “my HQ” section of the website and to set up an account or login password.

Stremler et al. is directed to an automated system and method for coordinating donors for philanthropic causes, providing “tools for donor users to manage information about themselves and entities in which they have donated or that they are monitoring” (Stremler, abstract). In Stremler, “The preferred embodiment also includes a Donor Application to provide complete donor services. This includes the ability to find and research projects or possible interested (sic “interests”?), transfer assets into the Company trust, use assets to fund projects, and observe and monitor the projects. This application also provides the donor with tools to analyze and manage their giving.” (Stremler, page 28, paragraph [0603]).

Independent claim 1 is amended to clearly distinguish the claimed invention from The Jimmy Fund and Stremmer et al., such that the method of claim 1 includes at least the step of:

providing an option to only a program manager to set a requirement of password access to control access of others to a World Wide Web site associated with the volunteer group program and accessible through the computer system.

Independent claim 11 is also amended to clearly distinguish the claimed invention from The Jimmy Fund and Stremmer et al., such that the system of claim 11 includes at least:

means for providing an option to only a program manager to set a requirement of password access to control access of others to a Web site associated with the volunteer group program.

As described on pages 18-19 of the application as originally filed, and as claimed in amended claims 1 and 11, the present invention has only the program manager capable of accessing and using the inventive system and method to set-up password access to a website. On page 19 of the present application, the operation of the invention is described in that, after the initial set-up by the Program Manager, subsequent users are capable of accessing an information menu, selecting goals to pursue, etc., but the Program Manager has ultimate control of access to website of a configured volunteer group program.

The Jimmy Fund does not disclose or suggest a step or means for providing an option to only a program manager to set a requirement of password access to control access of others to a Web site associated with the volunteer group program, as in the present invention.

On the contrary, The Jimmy Fund teaches away from such limited control over access. On pages 4, 15, and 17 of The Jimmy Fund webpage, a login feature is displayed to all users

allowing users to access a “my HQ” section of the website and to set up an account or login password.

There is no disclosure or suggestion in The Jimmy Fund that a program manager has configured such a login, or that the program manager has sole access to such website configuration and access settings.

One having ordinary skill in the art would not look to The Jimmy Fund for such an option provided only to a program manager to set a requirement of password access to control access of others to a Web site associated with the volunteer group program, as in the present invention.

Typically, websites such as The Jimmy Fund are set up by a webmaster such as an independent consultant employed a volunteer program or charity, with the webmaster being detached and/or uninvolved with the volunteer program. Accordingly, such webmasters cannot be considered Program Managers in the context of the present invention, which is an automated system and method for constructing such volunteer programs.

In addition, one skilled in the art would not look to The Jimmy Fund for the present invention, since The Jimmy Fund is only a World Wide Web-based system, and so there is no disclosure or suggestion of non-Internet implementations of the present invention such as volunteer programs using automated telephone systems, as described on page 9 of the present application.

Furthermore, one skilled in the art would also not look to The Jimmy Fund for other features of the present invention distinguishing the present invention from The Jimmy Fund. For example, only specific and selected users have editing privileges to generate the “editable copy” provided by the computer system to additional volunteers. In the present invention, the Program Manager, who is not used or available to create access to The Jimmy Fund, and/or designated

team leaders of the present invention, have sole control over editing documents generated by the volunteer program. This feature is not provided by The Jimmy Fund, and so The Jimmy Fund lacks consistent editing and control over the documents generated and distributed by the Program Manager of the present invention.

On the contrary, the Jimmy Fund mentions, on page 16, section 1, that team captains are capable of editing web pages, but obviously not every user has such capability. However, The Jimmy Fund does not describe how the team captains are capable of editing such webpages, while the present invention describes such capabilities on page 27 of the present application.

Independent claims 1 and 11, as amended, are also patentable over the combination of The Jimmy Fund and Stremler for the reasons set forth above, since Stremler does not cure the deficiencies of The Jimmy Fund. Stremler also does not disclose or suggest a step or means for providing an option to only a program manager to set a requirement of password access to control access of others to a Web site associated with the volunteer group program, as in the present invention.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 11 are patentable over The Jimmy Fund and Stremler et al.

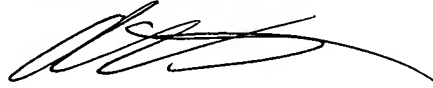
Claims 2-10 and 12-20 depend from independent claims 1 and 11, respectively, and so includes the recitation of amended claims 1 and 11, respectively. Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, claims 2-10 and 12-20 are also patentable over The Jimmy Fund and Stremler et al.

Therefore, claims 1-20 are patentable over The Jimmy Fund and Stremler et al., so reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection of claims 1-20 are respectfully requested.

Accordingly, entry and approval of the present amendment and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In case of any deficiencies in fees by the filing of the present amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiencies in fees to Deposit Account Number 01-0035.

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